

GERMAN LINES BEFORE PARIS CONTINUE TO RETREAT, DECLARE FRENCH
REPORTS; GREAT KRUPP SIEGE GUNS BEING TURNED UPON VERDUNFRANCE SAYS
ALL GERMAN
ARMIES LOSE

Series of Repulses is Reported to the Embassy at Washington.

ARTILLERY DESERTED

Enormous Casualty List Said to Have Resulted in Battle on Marne Banks.

A ROME DISPATCH SAYS THE POPE HAS CHARGED HIS FOREIGN CARDINALS TO URGE THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CEASE HOSTILITIES AND CONVOKE A PEACE CONFERENCE.

PARIS, SEPT. 12.—IT IS OFFICIALLY STATED THE GERMAN FORCES TO THE EAST OF PARIS ARE GENERALLY RETIRING, OFFERING ONLY FEEBLE RESISTANCE TO FRENCH AND BRITISH TROOPS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—The French embassy received the following from Bordeaux, dated yesterday: "The German army continues in retreat. Three of its army corps were repulsed last night between Villers, Colletets and Soissons. In four days we gained sixty to seventy-five kilometers. In the second army the tenth corps and guards were also withdrawing. In the Champagne the third German army is retreating. The German center thus is at last giving ground. After a hard fight the fourth German army has pushed back north of the Troisfontaines forests. The fifth German army, after attempting a serious effort on our right, was thrown back and our troops occupy Vassincourt. The Austrian army was attacked near Tomassow and was forced to a disastrous retreat. The whole of Raruska and the Dniester river. The Russians have besieged Grodek."

Enormous Losses Claimed.

London, Sept. 12.—A Reuters correspondent at Meaux telegraphs: "The allied forces which repulsed the Germans on the banks of the Marne inflicted enormous losses in men and material. The French having destroyed the bridges, the Germans tried to construct three bridges of boats. Sixteen times the bridges were on the point of completion and each time they were reduced to matchwood by French artillery."

Telegraphing from Nanteuil, Thursday, the Daily Telegraph's correspondent says General Pau scored tremendous advantage by capturing ammunition of a column four and a half miles long. This he destroyed.

Clever German Maneuver.

Paris, Sept. 12.—German diversion from the route to Paris, heretofore attributed to fear of the Paris defense works, was simply a clever maneuver to escape a desperate situation. The audacious commander of the German right wing, surprised by the resistance of the allies at Guise and Compiègne, was rendered cautious and must have discovered the presence of the army of Paris on his flank. He showed his resourcefulness by a sharp counter-movement against this protecting force. Critics give General Von Kluck full credit for his skill and referring to General Joffre's skill, say it is a match between the masters of the art of war. Joffre, failed they believe, by the narrow margin in gaining one of the most brilliant victories in history.

6,000 Prisoners Taken.

London, Sept. 12.—A Paris dispatch says: "A motor car brings news from the front that two divisions of the British army, with French artillery, cut off and defeated a large force of the enemy 60 miles northeast of Paris, taking 6,000 prisoners and 15 guns. Under cover of small wood 50 British cyclists wiped out 150 of the enemy's cavalry. The allies' losses were severe, but nothing in comparison with those of the enemy."

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Sunday, probably showers; warmer. Moderate to fresh southerly winds.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 52. Highest yesterday, 66; lowest last night, 52.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 10 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 70; at 7 a. m., 95.

Stage of water 3.6; no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERMER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter. Morning star: Saturn. After midnight the noted lone star Pomalhaut rises for a short course across the extreme southern sky.

CLIFFORD LEADS
TREASURER RACE

Champaign Democratic Candidate Runs Well in Down-State Districts.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12.—Belated returns from downstate apparently established beyond dispute that W. C. Clifford of Champaign is democratic nominee for state treasurer. From the start he was the indicated winner but the plurality of 6,622 rolled up by Peter Bartzen in Cook county made the politicians regard the outcome as dubious.

The late returns, however, establish Clifford as leading in the field in nine congressional districts downstate by margins large enough to place him in first place by a comfortable plurality.

For the republicans, the returns when more nearly complete increased the lead of Andrew Russell for state treasurer. He led in Cook with 20,000 votes and is leading in twelve downstate congressional districts.

Over clerk of the supreme court there is still some democratic doubt. A. W. Crawford of Hillsboro, on the early returns was the indicated winner, but Dennis A. Horan of Chicago, "H-H," candidate, has not given up hope. Horan ran first in Cook with 20,172 votes and Crawford ran ninth with 4,870.

Horan leads in one downstate district and Crawford in six. W. P. Ryan, who ran third in Cook with 10,574 votes, is leader in two downstate districts, and George Self, who ran eighth in Cook, leads in three outside districts. With 16 candidates splitting up the vote the result may be doubtful until final figures are compiled.

Charles W. Vall of Chicago won the republican nomination for the supreme clerkship.

Caroline Grote is apparently democratic nominee for superintendent of public instruction, although here, too, the returns are too incomplete to scatter all uncertainty. She ran sixth in Cook county with 10,125 votes and is leader in nine outside districts. Robert C. Moore of Carlinville, who ran fourth in Cook with 12,534 votes, leads in four districts downstate, while W. P. Murphy of Chicago, who was first in Cook with 23,760 votes, leads in two districts outside.

For the republicans Francis P. Blair, the incumbent, is increasing a majority already overwhelming. He leads in thirteen of the fifteen downstate districts and in Cook rolled up a majority of 37,258.

PRINCE ERNEST'S DEATH
IS CONFIRMED BY KAISER

London, Sept. 11.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Meiningen, via Amsterdam, states that Emperor William has personally wired the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen of the death of Prince Ernest of Saxe-Meiningen. He was buried with military honors at Maubeuge.

The prince was seriously wounded in the fighting around Maubeuge. He was a son of Prince Frederick of Saxe-Meiningen, who was killed at Namur Aug. 23. Prince Ernest was born in 1895.

A dispatch from Amsterdam says the Cologne Gazette declares that the son of the French foreign minister, M. Delcasse, has been wounded and is in a hospital at Diedenhofen, near Metz.

Prince Frederick of Hesse, eldest son of Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse and Princess Margaret, sister of the German empress, previously reported wounded, was shot in the breast, according to this statement.

Blue Reports New Orleans Safe.

Washington Sept. 12.—Surgeon General Blue said today regarding bubonic plague: "New Orleans is perfectly safe and healthy. There is no reason why anyone should avoid that city."

Montana G. O. P. for Suffrage.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 12.—Woman suffrage and workmen's compensation law were endorsed by the republicans in the first convention under the new primary law.

GREAT SIEGE
GUNS TURNED
UPON VERDUN

Berlin Silent on Situation, but Indications Are Attack is On.

LOOK FOR CITY'S FALL

Three Tremendous Struggles Thought Proceeding Along as Many Battle Lines.

UP TO EARLY THIS AFTERNOON NO STATEMENT HAD BEEN ISSUED BY THE GERMAN WAR OFFICE. THE LATEST OFFICIAL GERMAN REPORTS SAID THEIR FORCES HAD CAPTURED A FORTRESS SOUTHWEST OF VERDUN AND NEWS DISPATCHES INDICATE THE PURPOSE OF THE GERMAN IS TO SURROUND AND CUT OFF FROM THE ALLIES' LINE THE STRONGLY FORTIFIED CITY OF VERDUN.

NEWS DISPATCHES INDICATE THE RUSSIANS HAVE NOT OVERWHELMED THE AUSTRIANS IN GALICIA, AS HAS BEEN CLAIMED. FRESH STUBBORN FIGHTING IN THAT PROVINCE IS REPORTED AND THIS HAS GIVEN RISE TO SPECULATION THAT THE GERMAN CORPS BROUGHT FROM THE WEST MAY HAVE BEEN THROWN INTO AUSTRIA INSTEAD OF EAST PRUSSIA. THE SITUATION IN EAST PRUSSIA IS IN DOUBT, BUT THERE IS NOTHING TO SHOW THE RUSSIANS HAD MADE ANY NOTABLE ADVANCE IN THE WEST SINCE THEIR REVERSE AT ALLENSTEIN.

London, Sept. 12.—Three tremendous struggles are waging along as many battle lines and from none of them comes a report of decisive result. The mystery of western operations is complicated by news from Berlin which ignores General Von Kluck's efforts on the German right, while indicating that the German attack on Verdun is proceeding successfully. If the German attack on the southern exposure of the Verdun forts assisted by great siege guns succeeds the complete investment of Verdun will ensue.

Both Belgium and France, it appears in London, are optimistic enough to begin to consider reoccupying their capitals. Brussels is still in the hands of the Germans, but there are signs they are moving out of that section of the country. It is reported Belgian troops have reoccupied Ghent, the Germans leaving without waiting for supplies promised by that city. The story of mysterious booming of guns in the North sea has been revived. It, however, is given no credence.

Germans Lose Artillery.

London, Sept. 12.—According to an official announcement here the third French army captured all the artillery of one of the German army corps.

"The artillery of a German army corps consists of two regiments' field batteries, 18 batteries of field guns, six batteries of field howitzers, a total of 72 pieces, one or two batteries of heavy field artillery and a machine gun group."

The official report continues: "Our aeroplanes report the enemy's retreat very rapid. Our troops crossed the river Ourcq and are this (Saturday) morning in rapid pursuit of the enemy. Two hundred prisoners were captured. Cavalry of the allies were between Soissons and Fismes. Soissons is 50 miles northeast of Paris, Fismes is 15 miles east of Soissons. The enemy is in retreat."

KRUPPS AID IN WAR LOAN

Firm and Family Subscribe for \$7,500,000 German Bonds.

Berlin, Sept. 12.—Among the subscribers to the German war loan are the Krupp firm and family, who have taken \$7,500,000 of the bonds. Further large subscriptions already have been received by the Reichsbank.

Asks Wilson to Bar Torn Flags.

Washington, Sept. 12.—President Wilson was asked yesterday by M. P. Key, a relative of Francis Scott Key, to prohibit the flying of torn and tattered American flags in the United States.

Sends Troops to Africa.

Paris, Sept. 12.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Lisbon says that reinforcements composed of 3,000 Portuguese troops departed today for the Portuguese colonies in Africa.

THE WELCOME GUEST

WAR TAX CAUSES
REVOLT IN HOUSE

Democrats Oppose Assessment on Freight and Action Is Postponed.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—Because of a democratic revolt in the house against the freight tax proposed in the war revenue bill, Leader Underwood decided to await the return of the president to the capital before introducing the measure.

BODIES FOUND ON FARM
MAY BE HOLMES VICTIMS

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12.—For more than 20 years the disappearance of Minnie Williams was a mystery. She was believed to have been one of the victims of Herman Webster Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, whose "castle" at Sixty-first and Wallace streets was believed to have contained the bodies of several of Holmes' victims.

William Ratz, while plowing on his farm near Momence, Ill., uncovered a human body. The body is believed by the police at Momence to have been that of Minnie Williams, Holmes' third bigamous wife, whom he had hired as a stenographer and was alleged to have slain.

Two other bodies were also unearthed. At the time of the Holmes investigation he was believed to have had a private graveyard near Momence. Holmes was hanged in 1896 in Philadelphia for the murder of William Pielatz and two children.

Wilson Approves Dismissal.

Washington, Sept. 12.—President Wilson has approved the sentence of dismissal from the army and three years' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary imposed by a court-martial at San Francisco upon Captain Joseph H. Griffiths of the quartermaster corps of the army, charged with embezzling about \$8,000.

Veteran Is Dead at 118.

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 12.—Godard E. Diamond, a veteran of three American wars, is dead at the age of 118 years at the Old Soldiers' Home at Yountville, Cal.

TURKS' ATTITUDE
IS HELD ALARMING

New York, Sept. 12.—The Italian steamship Ancona arrived today from Naples with 154 Americans. Some of the passengers coming from Syria, said the attitude of the Turks is alarming.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—Administration officials today predicted the United States would join in the protest of the powers against Turkey's abrogation of capitulations which granted foreigners extra territorial rights.

GERMAN ISLAND IS TAKEN
WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT

Honolulu, Sept. 12.—The South Sea island of Upolu, on which is situated Apia, the capital of German Samoa, was occupied without the firing of a shot by 1,500 New Zealand troops Aug. 28.

The invading force was conveyed to Upolu by the battle cruiser Australia, the battleship Camperdown, the anti-submarine cruiser Champion and two torpedo boats of the British navy, and Governor Schultz and 100 other government officials and functionaries were made prisoners. They were taken to the Fiji Islands.

Frederick Heintz, operator of the newly installed wireless station, refused an offer of \$10,000 to tell where he had hidden the powerful apparatus of which the station had been stripped after it was learned that war had been declared. All government and private funds had been carried to safety at Pago Pago, American Samoa.

The Oceanic Steamship company's liner Ventura, which arrived here yesterday with the particulars of the occupation of German Samoa, which had been previously reported by cable via London, also brought word that a Japanese cruiser is hovering about Pago Pago.

At the last census the island of Upolu had a population of 19,842, of whom 310 were whites. Robert Louis Stevenson died there and is buried at Vailima.

GERMAN PRESS REPORTS
ARREST OF I. ZANGWILL

London, Sept. 12.—One of the quaintest bits of "news" making the rounds of the German press is that Israel Zangwill has been arrested by the English government for alleged pro-German sympathies. A recent issue of the Hamburger Fremdenblatt contains the following dispatch from Budapest:

"The local Jewish paper, Egyenloseg, learns from London via Switzerland that the well-known author, Israel Zangwill, has been arrested by the English government."

"In line with the bulk of liberal opinion of his country, Zangwill started an agitation against the war on the ground that free England was hurrying to the aid of tottering czarism. During the last week Zangwill held three mass meetings in London to protest against the war. While at Leeds he addressed a mass meeting at which he denounced the government and demanded in the name of culture that England at once abandon the war. As he returned to London he was arrested by order of the ministry."

SOCIAL WORKER DRAWS
A \$12 FINE FOR FLIRTING

Philadelphia—Mrs. Ruth S. Wilcox, an attractive looking woman of 23 years, who said she attended the McGale University, was active in the woman suffrage campaign, and has been a social worker, was arrested by Policeman Pachelli of the vice squad. She was fined \$12.50 for flirting.

When arraigned before Magistrate Renshaw in the Central station Mrs.

EVACUATE CITY IS
MEXICAN DEMAND

Carranza Urges to Request the Withdrawal of American Troops at Vera Cruz.

Mexico City, Sept. 12.—A demand will be made in a few days upon Washington by the provisional government that the American troops in Vera Cruz be withdrawn forthwith.

An indication of this was given yesterday by the publication in El Liberal, the official government organ, of a dispatch sent by General Obregon to Villa and Pablo Gonzales shortly after Obregon returned here from Sonora and subsequent to a conference with Carranza.

Obregon expresses displeasure at the presence of the Americans in the Mexican locality. He says it is unnecessary and requests Villa to ask Carranza to demand that the United States troops be taken away.

Consul Silliman cabled Obregon's message in full to Washington last night.

Wilcox said she was the widow of Dr. John C. Wilcox of Hillstown, Va., and accused the vice squad man of arresting her without cause.

"I was returning home from a sick friend's bedside when this man, shabbily clad, approached and appealed to me for aid," said the defendant. "Being interested in social work, I took compassion on him and bought him a meal in a restaurant. I referred him to friends who would get employment for him, and when he left the restaurant he told me he was a policeman and that I was under arrest. I remonstrated with him, but he replied that he had a wife and two children to support and that if he did not make at least one arrest a night he would be dismissed. I was taken to the Eleventh and Winter streets station. They did not place me in a cell, but treated me kindly, until I was escorted to the central station by a detective."

"At first, fearing that if my relatives and friends learned of my predicament, I would be disgraced, I gave a name that I sign only to magazine stories. On advice of my counsel, Benjamin Goodman, I have determined to give my real name, for I am innocent and have nothing to fear."

Pachelli testified that Mrs. Wilcox accosted him and that he placed her under arrest. Magistrate Renshaw imposed a fine and Attorney Goodman paid it to obtain his client's release from Moyamensing prison, where she had been taken. Action against the policeman is threatened.

Mrs. Wilcox said she was the daughter of Bishop Seth Nathan Scenk, who died in Alaska eighteen years ago. She said she and two children survive her husband, and that they receive an income from the Wilcox estates on the eastern shore of Virginia.

PRUSSIA NOW
ABOUT CLEAR
OF RUSSIANS

Hindenburg's Victorious Progress in the East Said to Continue.

GERMANS AIDING ALLY

Petrograd Claims Enemy's Loss Is 130,000 in Second Galicia Battle.

A PETROGRAD REPORT SAYS THE SERVANS ARE CONTINUING SUCCESSFULLY THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST AUSTRIA.

LONDON, SEPT. 12.—A TELEGRAM FROM BOLOGNA, ITALY, STATES THE WIRELESS AT POLA, IN AUSTRIA, WHERE 120,000 AUSTRIANS ARE SAID TO BE CONCENTRATED, HAS BEEN CUT. IT IS REPORTED A BOMB WAS THROWN INTO THE BARRACKS, WHICH WERE BURNED. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISORDERS A NUMBER OF EXECUTIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPT. 12.—THE GERMAN EMBASSY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING WIRELESS FROM BERLIN: "GENERAL HINDENBURG'S VICTORIOUS PROGRESS IN EAST PRUSSIA CONTINUES. THE ATTEMPT OF THE RUSSIANS TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THEIR DEFEATED LEFT WING BY LAUNCHING AN ARMY CORPS AGAINST HINDENBURG'S FLANK WAS DEFEATED AND SEVERAL BATTERIES WERE CAPTURED FROM THE MAIN RUSSIAN ARMY."

ROME, SEPT. 12.—A PETROGRAD DISPATCH SAYS: "IN THE SECOND BATTLE IN GALICIA THE AUSTRIAN LOSSES ARE ESTIMATED AT 130,000, OF WHOM 90,000 ARE PRISONERS. THE RESULT WAS MORE SATISFACTORY TO THE RUSSIANS THAN THE FIRST BATTLE."

The situation on the Russian borders is becoming as obscure as the western operations. Berlin reports the victory of General Hindenburg will clear east Prussia of Russians, but military experts at Petrograd declare it is incredible that the Russians should give up the investment of Koenigsburg unless suffering greater disaster than that reported. In Russian Poland, Russia still seems to be successful while operating against Austrians alone. But they are making less impression on the combined German and Austrian armies on the Vistula.

Tomaszow Captured.

The most substantial gain by the Russians in the past 24 hours has been the capture of Tomaszow, which probably clears the way for the advance of the Russian center on the Austria-German forces on the Vistula river.

London, Sept. 12.—The admiralty today announced that the British fleet had occupied Herberstshoehe, on Blanche bay, the seat of government of the German Bismarck archipelago and Solomon Islands. Bismarck archipelago, with an area of 18,000 square miles and a population of 200,000, is off the north coast of Australia.

Suppress German Paper.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 12.—The Vancouver "German Press" has been suppressed by the police here in consequence of its pro-German tone and the publication of what it terms great German victories. The editor states that the paper will resume publication after the war.

London, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Blantyre, British Central Africa, says that the steamer Gwendolen, from Lake Nyassa, on Sept. 8 shelled the German station at Langenburg, at the head of the lake in German East Africa. No opposition was offered and a small force landed from the steamer and took the station.

KAISER CONFERS
196 IRON CROSSES

Berlin, via London, Sept. 12.—The emperor conferred 196 iron crosses for distinguished services in the field. Eighty-six went to members of the Fifty-third regiment and 110 to the Eighty-third regiment garrisoned at Casel. Among the recipients are Chief of Staff Von Moltke and 21 other officers.